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9 Linda Marlovitz, and I'm here today as a
10 concerned citizen. And I don't think that this
11 direction that the Department of Energy is going
12 in, I don't think that direction should be
13 pursued and followed. As so many people who
14 have come up here and spoken have said,
15 transporting radioactive waste is not safe.

16 Now, some people here have spoken that
17 it can be safe, but we do have to look at human
18 error, and accidents do happen. And that really
19 needs to be taken into account. I don't think
20 waste, nuclear waste should be shipped around.
21 We shouldn't be shipping this stuff around.

22 I mean, I think it is pretty basic for
23 me in my thinking that we just should not be
24 doing, we shouldn't even be thinking about doing
2 this.

1 And then the place where it is being
2 talked about, on Western Shoshone land. I have
3 been to this land. It's beautiful. We have no
4 right, no right to put radioactive waste on the
5 land of Western Shoshone people, the people who
6 have lived here before many of us in this room.
7 Myself, my ancestors are not from here. And
8 this has been happening for -- since for
9 centuries of taking advantage of the indigenous
10 people of this country.

11 And I have -- I have been honored
12 enough to spend some time with western Shoshone

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13 people and elders, and they do not want
14 radioactive waste put on their sacred sites.
15 And I hope that we will honor in our hearts, and
16 the people who work for the Department of
17 Energy, and who are in positions of making, of
18 power positions in this government, and making
19 decisions, could look to their -- look to your
20 hearts on deciding and how you carry out your
21 daily activities and your livelihoods, and
22 people here who talk about the safety of moving
23 radioactive wastes around.

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24 I mean, I ride a bicycle. I am
1 already vulnerable as it is. I don't want to
2 have to ride next to semi's that aren't -- I
3 mean, are they marked? Does it say radio --
4 will it say radioactive waste? I do not want
5 that. There is no place for that on our
6 streets.

7 And I don't want that for my family
8 and my friends, and I don't want it for people
9 that I don't even know. I don't want it for
10 people who think it's okay. I don't think it is
11 safe. It is not safe.

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12 Where else can I go? I can talk
13 about, okay, let's not produce, let's stop, we
14 have to stop producing nuclear energy. There's
15 other ways. I have lived off the grid. I am
16 thankful that I had the experience to live off

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17 the grid, and I hope that I will have it again
18 in my life. In fact, I am moving in that
19 direction, but I lived off the grid for a couple
20 of years, no power from electrical, from nuclear
21 sources. You know what, it is great. It is
22 great. It makes me part of, to be part of not
23 creating destruction on this planet. You get a
24 good feeling inside. And it is like worth -- it
1 is a direction worth going in as a culture, as a
2 government, to explore safe ways to be on this
3 planet while we are here.

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4 So, as to echo what so many people
5 here have said, you know, let's, you know, not
6 support this. The DOE refrain from, refrain
7 from this project, from continuing with this
8 project. No action. Don't continue with this
9 action. Let's take no action. Let's just stop
10 it. We need to stop this genocide to our
11 environment and to the peoples who live here,
12 and blessings to all in this journey.

13 I hope and I pray and I will keep on
14 hoping and I'll keep on praying, and I will keep
15 on working to help this place where we live.

16 Thank you.